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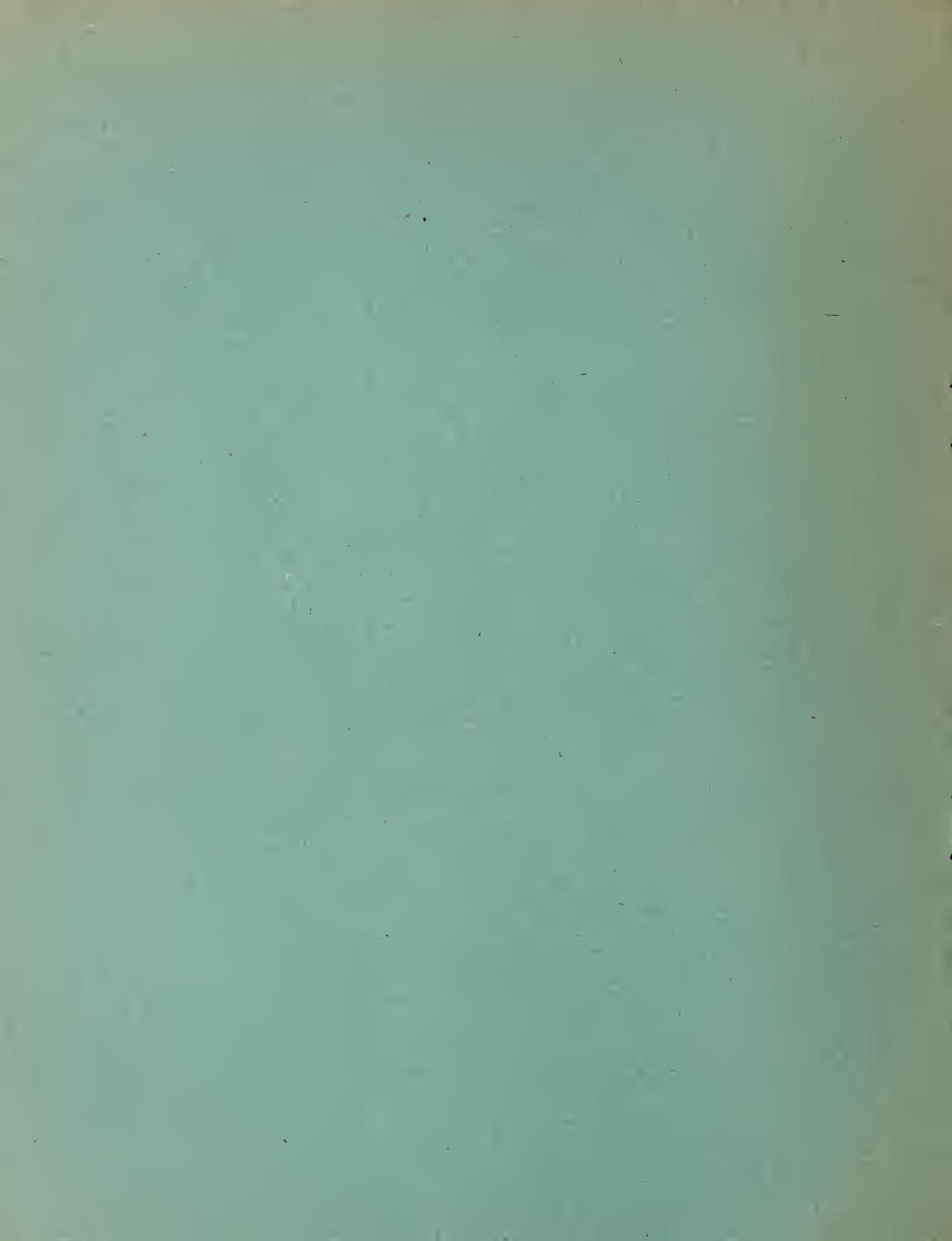
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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Congleton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1962 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

The estimated population of the Borough has now topped the 17,000 mark and further growth can be expected from the projected developments at West Heath and Buglawton.

The year under review was singularly free of notifiable infectious disease and, as in former reports, it was customary to refer to the absence of Diphtheria in the Community, there are good prospects of being able to say the same of Poliomyelitis, Whooping Cough and in the not too distant future even of Tuberculosis.

We are still concerned with the absence of proper refuse tipping facilities. Land is being sought to enable the Council to undertake a satisfactory scheme of Controlled Tipping. In the meantime complaints of nuisances continue to be received. Once this problem has been solved it can fairly be said that Congleton, with its first class water supply and sewerage installations, excellent communications, its healthy and convenient situation in beautiful rural surroundings adjacent to great industrial centres, surely has a great future both for industrial and dormitory development. The Council is to be congratulated on its forward vision in deciding to redevelop the central area of the town to meet not only the present needs but the bright future which must surely come.

I should like to take this opportunity once more of tendering my sincere thanks to Mr. J. Mee, the Town Clerk, and his staff for their help and guidance and to Mr. Whiston, the Chief Public Health Inspector, with whom I work most closely. To the Housing Officer, Mr. Watson, and the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. Halpin, I should also like to pay tribute, both of whom are so readily forthcoming when their assistance is required.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH,

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1961.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated Population .. 17020 (16930)

BIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births (Legitimate	274 (257)	141 (134)	133 (123)
(Illegitimate	9 (7)	4 (4)	5 (3)
Still Births (Legitimate	3 (5)	1 (2)	2 (3)
(Illegitimate	1 (2)	1 (-)	- (2)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1962 -
15.9 (15.4)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population -
18 (17.4)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (live and still) births -
13.9 (25.8)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (live and still)
births - 18.1 (19.1)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population - .23 (.41)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total population -
.33 (.33)

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows :-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	4 (3)	3 (2)	1 (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births - 14.1 (11.3)

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales - 21.4 (21.6)

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births - 14.5 (11.6)

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births - 0 (0)

DEATHS

Deaths, all ages	Total 214 (214)	Male 95 (109)	Female 119 (105)
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Death rate per 1000 estimated average population - 13.4 (13)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population -
11.9 (12)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	2	1
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	6	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	5	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	3	-	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	19	8	11
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1	-
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	49	16	33
Coronary disease, angina	40	20	20
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other heart diseases	17	4	13
Other circulatory disease	12	5	7
Influenza	1	-	1

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Pneumonia	8	4	4
Bronchitis	11	7	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	4	2	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases	14	8	6
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
All other accidents	3	2	1
Suicide	7	5	2
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total	214	95	119

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

	No. of deaths
Puerperal Sepsis	0 (0)
Other maternal causes	0 (0)

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 live and still births - 0 (0)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1950	1	1	-
1951	4	3	1
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows :-

Miss M.Corbishley, S.R.N. S.C.M. H.V. - Park Street Clinic,
Congleton.

Tel. Congleton 2095

Miss D.Austin, S.R.N. S.C.M. Q.I.D.N.S. - Park Street Clinic,
Congleton.

Tel. Congleton 2095.

Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinics

As can be seen from the figures a high degree of activity continues to be maintained at all our Clinics. The scope for development in this vital branch of Preventive Medicine is still very great and can only be realised by having adequate premises and equipment. It is all the more satisfactory therefore to be able to report that a start was made on the new buildings for a Health Clinic at Nursery Lane and it is hoped to move into occupation in the near future.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those Voluntary Helpers who assist in so many ways and I feel sure that when the new Clinic is opened the scope for their activities will be greatly increased.

Statistics

Mother's Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	48 (47)	254 (255)	49 (44)
Dental			
Pre-natal	4 (3)	12 (11)	
Nursing Mothers	13 (6)	51 (23)	
Dentures supplied	10 (3)		

Infant Welfare

New Cases			Total Attendances			No.of Clinics held	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor
0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5			
228 (201)	- (-)	- (-)	2909 (2791)	408 (337)	256 (303)	50 (48)	1354 (1313)	27 (27.3)

Special Clinics for under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No.of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic E.N.T. Clinic	3 (7) 9 (3)	26 (22) 12 (4)	18 (21) 12 (10)	1.4 (1) 1 (.4)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No.of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic E.N.T. Clinic	82 (103) 53 (49)	298 (452) 136 (89)	18 (23) 12 (9)	16.5 (19.6) 11.3 (9.8)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1962.

Distribution Centre	National	Dried Milk	A.& D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F.Cream	H.Cream			
Park Street Clinic, Congleton.	2946 (4650)	139 (150)	658 (1112)	289 (828)	2952 (5656)

Day Nursery.

We have in Congleton one of the most successful and best used Day Nurseries in the County. In addition to catering for the children of those mothers who must go out to work, and who receive priority, places are found for the children of key workers. In this Town which employs such a large percentage of female labour, it is essential that at least one Day Nursery is maintained. It is also found that the Day Nursery provides a vital service in connection with a certain number of children where a social or domestic problem is present.

Day Nursery - Attendances, 1962

	<u>Average No.Attending</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>
0-2 years	11.7 (8.7)	2892 (2133)
2-5 years	29.5 (31.7)	7270 (7749)

Jan. %	Feb. %	Mar. %	Apr. %	May %	June %
87.1 (94.1)	92.7 (96.2)	79 (103.1)	96 (100.5)	95.9 (102.2)	99.2 (101.8)

July %	Aug. %	Sep. %	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	1962 %
75 (102.6)	80.4 (91.3)	93.8 (109)	100 (102.6)	89.5 (104.8)	93.5 (95.8)	89.9 (100.7)

Midwifery

The Midwife employed by the Cheshire County Council is :-

Name	Address	Tel.No.
D. H. Wright,	"Ewanrigg", Giantswood Lane, Congleton.	Congleton 3240

In addition, Nurse M.S.Bowman, 4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

Births - 1962

Hospital		Home		Private N.Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
234 (200)	4 (7)	61 (52)	2 (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Once again it is satisfactory to report that with an increase in the number of births there have been no maternal deaths.

Home Nursing.

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

Name.	Address.	Tel.No.
M.S.Bowman,	4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton.	Con. 3444
B.Clinch,	24, The Westlands, Congleton.	Con. 2104

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with the Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling onto their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided.

Meals on Wheels.

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.V.S. to old people who have been moved into Bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs.Nichols and all her loyal band of W.V.S.workers.

Public Health Laboratory Service.

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

Vaccination and Immunisation

In the second half of the year a very large scheme was undertaken to provide oral vaccination for Poliomyelitis for all school children in the South-East Cheshire Division. A letter was provided for every parent who was asked to give consent for this to be done. It is interesting to report that the response was over 90% and all the school children are now adequately protected.

At our Clinics mothers and young babies are being done regularly and all those not being re-inforced by us, the Family Doctors are doing. I feel fairly confident that Poliomyelitis as a serious epidemic in this country, has reached its end.

Attention is also drawn to the very large number of vaccinations against Smallpox, that were carried out. These arose as a result of the Smallpox outbreaks that occurred at Bradford and South Wales. A good deal is written in the Medical Press about the possible

dangers of vaccination against Smallpox and it is interesting to report that we had no serious case of complication in this area. It is still considered that the best time to carry out primary vaccinations against Smallpox is in early infancy.

Vaccination and Immunisation - Statistics.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Pre-school children	4	(8)
School children	5	(6)
	<u>9</u>	<u>(14)</u>

Re-inforcing injections	22	(719)
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Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	4	(9)
School children	-	(-)
	<u>4</u>	<u>(9)</u>
Re-inforcing injections	-	(2)

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus)

Pre-school children	227	(224)
School children	48	(34)
	<u>275</u>	<u>(258)</u>
Re-inforcing injections	19	(130)

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough)

Pre-school children	1	(7)
School children	6	(8)
	<u>7</u>	<u>(15)</u>
Re-inforcing injections	1	(14)

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Tetanus)

Pre-school children	1	(3)
School children	8	(265)
	<u>9</u>	<u>(268)</u>
Re-inforcing injections	39	(216)

Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	224	(132)
School children	176	(16)
Adults	<u>300</u>	(4)
	<u>700</u>	<u>(152)</u>

Re-Vaccination

Pre-school children	168	(-)
School children	160	(5)
Adults	<u>317</u>	(17)
	<u>645</u>	<u>(22)</u>

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

It is not possible to separate the figures in respect of each County District and the table below shows the figures for the whole of South-East Cheshire.

	SALK VACCINE				ORAL VACCINE			
	1st INJECTION	2nd INJECTION	3rd INJECTION	4th INJECTION	1st DOSE	2nd DOSE	3rd DOSE	RE-INFORCING DOSE AFTER SALK VACCINE
Children born in 1962	1				1	3	103	
Children born in 1961	132	253			18	15	436	
Children and young persons born in 1943-1960	141	290			8551	7872	6760	
Persons born in 1933-1942	42	115			3	5	126	
Others	140	371			668	561	979	
Totals	456	1029	1758	156	9241	8456	8404	529

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high, and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1962.

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	33	(32)
Casual	4	(5)
	<u>37</u>	<u>(37)</u>

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1962.

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	25	(22)
Casual	1	(1)
	<u>26</u>	<u>(23)</u>

Applications received during 1962.

Confinement	2	(2)
Sickness	8	(5)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	19	(20)
	<u>29</u>	<u>(27)</u>

Cases attended during 1962.

Confinement	3	(-)
Sickness	16	(9)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	57	(51)
	<u>76</u>	<u>(60)</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr.H.S.Halpin, Borough Engineer and Surveyor for the following information.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Considerable private development is now taking place in the West Heath area of the Borough following the provision of main drainage in this area. All new properties are being drained on the separate system of drainage, and only five of the existing properties now remain to be connected to the new drainage system.

Public Cleansing.

A total of approximately 6,000 tons of house refuse has been disposed of by controlled tipping during the year. An unsuccessful approach was made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in the early part of the year for approval to the installation of a composting plant of the "Dano" type.

The Ministry recommended that at least for the time being, the controlled tipping method should be used and accordingly steps are being taken to acquire additional land for this purpose, adjoining the present refuse disposal tip.

Salvage.

A total of 77 tons of waste paper was collected for disposal during the year, at the total value of £576.

Housing.

Number of Council Houses completed in 1962:-

Houses	-	(46)
Single Persons Flats	-	{-}
2 Bed Maisonettes	-	{-}
Shops	-	{-}
1-Bedroom type bungalows	-	{-}

Private houses completed in 1962 89 (121)

Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December, 1962 (excluding applications for aged persons' bungalows) 484 (484)

Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector 31 (18)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during
the year, 1962.

Disease		Age Distribution												Total	Cases Admitt-ed to Hospital
		Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-10	15-20	20-35	35-45	45 & Over						
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	4	3	13	2		
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2		

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1962 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1953.

Notifications - 1953 to 1962.

	1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962	
	P	NP																		
<u>MALE</u>																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5		1		2																
5 - 15		4	2	1																
15 - 25		1			5														1	
25 - 35	1		1		1	1			1											
35 - 45					1				3				1						1	
45 - 55					3	4			2		2						1			
55 - 65					1	2			2			2					1			1
65 & Over	2	1			1	1											1			
<u>FEMALE</u>																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5							1													
5 - 15			2		1															
15 - 25		1		1		1			2		3	1	1				1		1	
25 - 35	2		1		2				1		1							1		
35 - 45					2	1			1		1								1	
45 - 55					2	1			1		1									
55 - 65		1			1				1							1				
65 & Over																1	1	1		

Deaths - 1953 - 1962

	1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962	
	P	NP																		
MALE																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35		1								1										
35 - 45			1																	
45 - 55									2											
55 - 65										1										
65 & Over					1		1		3					1						1
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5										1										
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35		1																		
35 - 45							1													
45 - 55																				
55 - 65										1										1
65 & Over				1																
Total	2	2	2	-	3	1	6	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1962, were as follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	4	5	10	10
Female Pulmonary	-	-	1	7	16	9	7
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	6	2	4	2	7
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	6	-	-	1

The following sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department, and have been compiled by Mr.R.G.Whiston.

The Pupil Inspector was successful in passing his examination and was appointed to the vacant position of Additional Public Health Inspector in June.

For the first time in several years all the factories were inspected and generally speaking the conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Following complaints of the high cost of eradication of rats and mice at commercial premises, the Council reduced the rate of charging out of the operator's time by lowering the "on-cost" charge from 50% to 25%.

In accordance with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular 42/62, a scheme was instituted for carrying out a survey of properties in the Borough and encouraging owners to provide, with the aid of Improvement Grants, additional amenities at houses which were lacking them.

Complaints. During the year 55 complaints were received and investigated; 12 of these were unfounded.

15 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the Departments concerned.

Public Health Act, 1936

Nuisances.

Following the complaints and as a result of routine survey 47 houses were inspected, a total of 49 nuisances found and 31 informal notices issued. 100 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 49 nuisances found to be abated. 35 informal notices were complied with.

Drainage.

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 165 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply.

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester, for Bacteriological examination. The reports on samples submitted showed satisfactory results.

Disinfestation.

The D.D.T. and Gammexane compounds in liquid and powder form are used for this purpose, and successful results have been obtained.

The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council Houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons 24 inspections have been carried out and 1 premises treated.

Conversion of Pails.

The Council's scheme for the conversion of pails to W.C.s in the West Heath Area was completed, the last two being done during the year.

Offensive Trades.

One premises is registered for tripe boiling. No complaints were received in connection with the trade.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection.

The incidence of notifiable diseases was extremely low, so that very little work of investigation and disinfection was necessary.

Caravans.

The site for which permission was granted in 1961 was not completed. One further application for a site licence was received by the Council and refused, the owner has appealed and the result was awaited at the end of the year.

Noise Abatement.

The noise from a large fan operating at a factory was considerably reduced, the fan being replaced by two smaller, more efficient and up to date ones. In another case a reduction of noise from heavy machinery in a factory was obtained by strengthening the building, and the insertion of pads under the machinery. A complaint of a nuisance from a noisy loudspeaker at a shop premises was dealt with in co-operation with the Police. A nuisance from noise caused by a warning Klaxon horn in a factory was abated by the re-siting of the horn.

Public Mortuary.

This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 24 admissions

Clean Air Act, 1956.

Complaints were received of smoke emission from a new factory chimney serving an oil fired boiler. Following informal representation to the firm, the height of the stack was increased and towards the end of the year modifications were carried out to the burners, which it is hoped will result in further improvement.

Excessive smoke emission was also noted from another chimney at a factory where coal was used. Technical representatives of the National Coal Board visited and advised the Stoker and Management, this resulted in great improvement and the position was satisfactory at the end of the year.

Generally speaking, however, the industrial chimneys in the Borough operated well within the limits allowed under the Act and in many cases operated virtually smokelessly.

Towards the end of the year the Council again considered Smoke Control Areas and instructions were given for a programme to be prepared for consideration.

Housing Acts, 1957-1961.

93 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 289 revisits made. 39 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and 4 areas completely cleared.

6 houses were subjected to Closing Orders and one Individual house was demolished as a result of a Demolition Order.

5 Clearance Areas comprising a total of 45 houses were represented to the Council and either Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders made. 6 Closing Orders and 3 Demolition Orders were made on Individual Unfit houses.

Orders in respect of 4 Clearance Areas, comprising 46 houses were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Improvement Grants.

20 applications for Standard Grants and 11 for Discretionary Grants were received and approved.

Following the issue of Circular 42/62 by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Council provisionally earmarked streets and areas in the Borough for consideration and action. One area was surveyed and owners of some of the properties were encouraged to

provide additional amenities. A start was made on a survey of a further area at the end of the year.

Rent Act, 1957.

Certificates of Disrepair.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

185 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 39 contraventions were found and 7 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 15 contraventions had been abated, and 1 notice fully complied with.

Ice-cream.

There are 11 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream, all use the "cold mix" method.

82 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

11 inspections have been made.

Preserved Food.

41 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 22 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses.

The two slaughterhouses brought up to the required standard in 1961 were re-licensed for a further year.

Supervision of slaughtering in progress was carried out and the carcases and offal of all animals killed were inspected. 381 visits were made for these purposes.

All meat and offal condemned is placed in the receptacles provided, stained with naphthalene green and removed on the Council's behalf by Messrs. Beesons Bros. of Crewe.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

32 Slaughtermen's Licences were renewed.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1960.

Registered are 8 Dairies and 66 Distributors.

82 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Council has one full time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

20 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

The Council considered the rate to be charged for work carried out at commercial premises and it was resolved that the "on-cost" charge be reduced from 50% to 25%.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

It is estimated that there are 800 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

Shops Act, 1950.

2 inspections have been carried out under the provisions of the Act.

Factory Act, 1961.

192 inspections have been made. 172 contraventions were found, and 53 were remedied by the end of the year.

Outworkers.

A total of 2 outworkers are shown as employed by factories in the area on the lists submitted in accordance with Section 110 of the Act. All are engaged on the making, altering or repairing of wearing apparel.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

Summary of visits and inspections.

<u>General</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Water Supply	61
Drainage	165
Stables and Piggeries	3
Caravans	2
Factories	192
Rats and Mice	20
Shops Act	2
Miscellaneous Visits	237
Interviewing and Appointments	184
Atmospheric Pollution	98
Swimming Baths	2
Pet Shops	3
Pail Conversion	22
Noise Abatement	55
Hairdressers	5
Public Conveniences	1
<u>Housing - Under Public Health Act.</u>	
No. of houses inspected	47
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	100
<u>Under Housing Acts.</u>	
No. of houses inspected	93
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	289
<u>Verminous Premises.</u>	
No. of inspections	24
Found verminous and disinfested	1
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	212
Improvement Grants	285
Infectious Disease	Nil
Visits re Disinfection	2
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	16

Food Premises and Food Inspection

Visits to Slaughterhouses	381
Butchers	12
Fishmongers and Poulterers	8
Grocers	23
Dairies and Milkshops	92
Ice-cream premises	11
Food preparing premises	4
Bakehouses	1
Market Stalls	2
Restaurants	6
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	10
Licensed Premises	1
Miscellaneous Food Visits	4
Factory Canteens	20
Vehicles	6
Total Visits	<u>2692</u>

Summary of Notices Served.

No. of informal notices served	91
No. of informal notices complied with	57
No. of statutory notices served	Nil
No. of statutory notices complied with	Nil

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 - 1932.

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	54
No. of houses, the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers under Public Health or Housing Acts	35
No. of representations made to the local authority with a view to:-	
(a) Serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	Nil
(b) the making of demolition or closing orders	9
No. of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	Nil
No. of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	Nil
No. of Demolition Orders made	3
No. of Closing Orders made	6

No. of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub-Section (3) of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	Nil
No. of houses demolished	40
No. of Closing Orders under Section 27(2) Housing Act, 1957, determined	Nil

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Food Premises.

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows :-

Butchers	27
Canteens	22
Dairies	8
Milkshops	37
Fishmongers & Poulterers	6
Greengrocers	12
Grocers & Confectioners	115
Restaurants & Cafes	28
Bakehouses	11

Meat and Other Food Inspection.

Total number of Animals slaughtered and inspected

	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1960	9	650	2457	1158	256	11742	4194	20466
1961	8	296	768	441	84	3221	1606	6424
1962	-	54	286	146	2	1013	802	2303

Total weight of meat condemned.

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef	-	-	3	18
Mutton	-	-	-	26
Pork	-	3	1	20
Veal	-	-	-	-
Offal	1	4	0	26
Total	1	8	3	6

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered at each of the Private Slaughterhouses.

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon, West Street.	-	48	16	144	2	589	164	963
Co-op. Society, Ltd., Moor Street.	-	6	270	2	-	424	638	1340

Weight of meat condemned at each of the Private Slaughterhouses.

	Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.
E. & G. Vernon	-	26	-	-	519
Co-op. Socy.	102	-	-	384	2195
	102	26	-	384	2714

Other Foods Condemned.

	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Canned Food	2	2	17	13
Other Foods	2	-	22	8
	4	3	12	5

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in Part or Whole.

	Cattle Ex.Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	200	286	2	1013	802
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis and</u> <u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	28	117	-	83	216
Percentage affected with disease other than					
Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis - 1960	34.51	55.29	5.88	9.89	11.19
1961	23.21	57.81	7.14	15.52	21.23
1962	14.00	40.90	-	8.29	27.3
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	1	-	-	1
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis -					
1960	2.69	4.59	-	-	1.07
1961	.13	-	-	-	1.18
1962	.5	.35	-	-	.125
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	13	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	1	3	-	-	-

Contd.

Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with cysticercosis - 1960	0.66	.97	-	-	-
1961	0.57	1.17	-	-	-
1962	.5	4.54	-	-	-

Prevalence of Rats and Mice.

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling-houses	Agricultural	All other (inc. business & industrial)	
Total No. of properties in Local Authority's District	37	5667	106	1202	7012
No. of Properties inspected as a result of:-					
(a) Notification	4	86	-	30	120
(b) Otherwise	36	283	71	372	762
No. of Properties found to be infested by rats	Major -	-	-	-	-
	Minor 32	145	59	127	363
No. of Properties found to be infested by mice	1	27	8	121	157
No. of infested Properties treated by Local Authority.	32	169	76	252	529

Factory Act, 1961.

Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	No. of written Notices	No. of Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	158	192	11	-
Total :-	158	192	11	-

Cases in which Defects were Found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were	
	Found	Remedied
Sanitary Conveniences		
(a) Insufficient	2	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	171	53
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-
Total:-	173	53

